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Possible Link Between Otto SKORZENY and the NAUMANN Arrests

Reference: STATE Cable 40546, 22 January 1953 Originating Hamburg

1. This interests me and recalls to mind a remark by UTILITY a few weeks ago that SKORZENY (a) was still active in Spain; (b) had recently seen VIGOR, Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army; and (c) would sooner or later prove embarrassing to the United States unless our present activities with him were more carefully examined.

2. I jotted down a note on this fact in my desk loose-leaf folder and beside it noted the name of Frank H. LINDER, formerly of Bremen, wartime refugee in Britain, postwar FEUER's correspondent in Berlin, HI-6 Harrold and close friend of Otto JUNG.

3. The above is probably only an unusual coincidence in names. The LINDER mentioned several times in reference STATE cable is, presumably, a contact of the U.S. Consul in Hamburg. Could you discreetly check on the identity of LINDER? Perhaps there was some reason why UTILITY brought these two items, apparently unrelated, up at the same time.

4. For your information in case you do not have reference: One LINDER reported to the Hamburg U.S. Consul that he had a reliable source which linked the recent NAUMANN arrests with the activities of Otto SKORZENY in Spain regarding German contracts for the construction of U. S. dollar financed air bases in Spain.

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